

# LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER NO 1

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Dear Parents/Carers



### House Gems

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated to receive a Values 'House Gem'.

Ben T

Greylings

Air

Quality artwork



### Value of the month - Co-operation

As we begin the new school year we will be focussing on the value of co-operation and how to work together to achieve individual and whole school success. Our school motto is 'Working together to realise the potential in everyone' and this value reminds us of the role we should play to become a positive contributor. It is also especially meaningful this September as we ask children and adults at Loddon to co-operate in the routines needed to keep us all safe from coronavirus.

Our youngest children will specifically be thinking about ways they can co-operate with each other in learning and friendship. Our oldest children have considered whether they agree with the above quote and when and how co-operation and competition might be used to achieve the best outcomes individually and as part of a team.

### Nut Free school

We have a number of children in school with severe allergies to nuts and ask that you do not pack nuts or food containing nuts in your child's packed lunch. Thank you.





### Drop-off and Pick-up routines

Thank you to everyone for your support and co-operation in relation to our new routines for drop-off and pick-up. We are very appreciative of you following the new systems on site to ensure the safety of children, parents, staff and visitors. A couple of reminders, to a small number of you, in order to make these systems as good as they possibly can be.

- Please arrive on site at the time for your year group drop off or pick up not before. There is no need to be on site before 8:35am in the morning or 3:15pm in the afternoon. If you are early please wait in your car or stand offsite until the appropriate time.
- Please follow the one-way systems shown by yellow arrows on the ground and signage around site.
- Try your hardest to social distance in queues and on playgrounds. There's lots of room so please spread out and use all the space available to you.
- Move along paths swiftly and leave school site as promptly as possible.
- Keep to one adult or older sibling per child or where possible per family for drop-off and pick-up. The principle is for the minimum number of people needed to come onto school site at any time. (Older secondary aged siblings accompanying you on the school run should also be asked to wait off site for you rather than having additional members of your family, over the age of 11, on site altogether.)

### PLEASE BE AWARE - TIKTOK/SNAPCHAT/WHATSAPP/TWITTER/INSTAGRAM/YOUTUBE

It has been brought to our attention by Wokingham Children's Service that there is an extremely upsetting and highly graphic video currently trending on TikTok of a man live-streaming his suicide. Whilst TikTok have stated that they are doing their best to remove the video, it has been shared across many social media platforms hundreds of thousands of times including under fake captions. Some captions on TikTok are as trivial as 'look at the pasta I cooked tonight' before the video then plays; therefore, children can come across the video without even searching for it.

This video is extremely distressing and we urge everyone to be vigilant and advise parents and carers to supervise very closely what children are accessing online.



### School nursing video

We have been asked to tell you about a short video the school nursing team have created on their service. The video can be viewed using the link: <https://vimeo.com/437797725/2b2e26b789>

Children, Young People and Families (CYPF) <https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk>



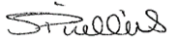
### Library books

Please can any school library books that were borrowed in the previous school year be returned as soon as possible. Books should be given back in class to the class teacher. Thank you. *Mrs Screene, Librarian*

### Birthday sweets

We understand that children like to bring in sweets on their birthday to share with their classmates. However, due to our current arrangements in school to minimise the potential spread of infection we kindly ask that children do not bring birthday sweets or other birthday gifts into school until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely



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